

## NEW TEACHER WELCOMING CEREMONY A SUCCESS!!!

The Local's **New Teacher Welcoming Ceremony**, held November 1<sup>st</sup> at Barnett House, was attended by 60 new teachers and over 100 guests – our largest induction celebration in recent times. The formal induction of these new teachers into the profession and their professional organization was a very special event that highlighted the importance of being a member of our profession with accompanying public expectations and obligations. The ceremony included the reading of, *Teaching - a Profession*, and, *The Code of Professional Conduct*. An important aspect of this ceremony included the opportunity for the new teachers to pledge commitment to their profession and to give those already in the profession an opportunity to welcome the newcomers. I would like to thank the many special guests in attendance: members of Provincial Executive Council; the Superintendent and newly elected members of the Edmonton Catholic Board of Trustees; our Local Executive members and Edmonton Public Teachers Local President and executive staff. Special thanks to Joan Huculak who, as a recently retired teacher, provided some wonderful advice to these young people and to Heather Jamieson, Director, Religious Education Services, who offered a prayer of blessing for the inductees. As well, thank-you to the many principals and mentors who came in support of the new teachers from their schools – your attendance meant a great deal to our inductees.

We wish all of our new teachers every success as they begin what we hope will be a long and successful career in service to Edmonton's Catholic students.  
*Shannon McElroy, President*

## COUNCIL REPS: CHRISTMAS CHEER –December 11, 2007

During the month of November no Council meeting is scheduled. We would like to remind all Council reps to mark your calendars and plan to join us for the December 11 Council meeting of Christmas Cheer. Each rep is encouraged to bring a staff member to this annual event. A Christmas social will FOLLOW Council - sandwiches will not be available before the meeting.

## SUBSTITUTE MEETING #02-TUESDAY, November 20, 2007

The Substitute Committee has scheduled its second meeting of this school year for Tuesday, November 20, 2007, beginning at 7pm, in Room 502, at Barnett House, 11010-142 Street. A presentation for substitutes will be given by Marv Hackman, Executive Assistant, Member Services, on the topic of "The Rights and Duties of Teachers". Please phone the Local office to register (451-1196).

## LOCAL'S GRANTS IN AID FOR ADMIN CONFERENCE

Congratulations to **Lori McDonough** (St. Benedict), **Christene Richardson** (Blessed Kateri) and **Laurie Pollitt** (St. Dominic) recipients of the Local's Grants In Aid worth \$250 each to help defray costs for attendance at the ATA's 2007 *Leadership Essentials for Administrators Conference*, November 22-23 in Calgary.

## WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Peace, like charity, begins at home."  
~ FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

**Included in this mailing:** Nothing  
**Printed on reverse side:** Nothing

## Meetings and Events

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007**  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007**  
Executive Mtg. #03, 4:30pm,  
Room 406, Barnett House

**Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007**  
Substitute Mtg., 7pm, Room  
502, Barnett House

**Monday, Dec. 3, 2007**  
Final PD Book Share, 4:30pm,  
Room 140, Barnett House

**Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007**  
Executive Mtg. #04, 4:30pm,  
Room 406, Barnett House

**Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007**  
Council Mtg. #03, 6pm, Audi-  
torium, Barnett House.  
Christmas Social to follow  
Council Meeting.  
**Please note: SANDWICHES**  
**WILL NOT BE SERVED BE-**  
**FORE COUNCIL.**

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## Council Dates:

Tuesday, Dec. 11/07-  
**CHRISTMAS CHEER!**  
Tuesday, January 22/08  
Tuesday, Feb. 26/08  
Tuesday, March 18/08  
Tuesday, April 22/08  
Tuesday, June 3/08